

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A fowl retention system, comprising:

a protective structure, wherein a fowl uses the protective structure as a sanctuary and as a shelter;

a habitat strip disposed near the protective structure, wherein the fowl use the habitat strip for nesting; and

a station comprising a water supply, wherein the fowl establish a territory around the water supply, and further wherein the fowl utilize the protective structure and the habitat strip such that they do not migrate to another location; and

the station further comprising a fowl feeding device, comprising:

a product tube, wherein the product tube accepts a food product at a first end,

a dispense cap coupled to a second end of the product tube, the dispense cap including dispense apertures sized to retain the food product within the product tube, wherein the food product stored in the product tube is available through the dispense apertures, and further wherein the food product must be pecked from the dispense apertures by the fowl, and

a dish coupled to the dispense cap, wherein food product pecked from the dispense apertures and not consumed collects in the dish.

Claim 2 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 1, wherein the food items from the habitat strip are the primary source of food for the fowl.

Claim 3 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 1, wherein the fowl also utilize the habitat strip for cover.

Claim 4 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 1, wherein the protective structure comprises a rigid structure to withstand the perusal of a larger animal.

Claim 5 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 4, wherein the protective structure further comprises a raised floor suitable for use by the fowl.

Claim 6 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 5, wherein the protective structure further comprises a cover to provide security to the fowl.

Claim 7 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 6, wherein the protective structure further comprises a door of a size suitable for raking out the protective structure.

Claim 8 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 6, wherein the cover is a natural vegetative cover.

Claim 9 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 6, wherein the cover is of a man-made material.

Claim 10 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 1, wherein the habitat strip is a plowed and planted portion of earth.

Claim 11 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 10, wherein the habitat strip is planted with native grasses.

Claim 12 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 11, wherein the native grasses produce seeds at varying times of the year such that there is always a supply of food for the fowl.

Claim 13 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 1, wherein the station includes a barrier assembly to keep large animals away from the water supply.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The fowl retention system according to claim 13, wherein the barrier assembly further comprises a door panel utilized by an operator during setup and maintenance.

Claim 15 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 14, wherein the barrier assembly permits entry of fowl therethrough and restricts entry of larger animals.

Claim 16 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 14, wherein the barrier assembly further comprises a roof panel to protect components located within the barrier assembly.

Claim 17 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 13, wherein the water supply is housed within the barrier assembly.

Claim 18 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 16, wherein the water supply is housed beneath the roof panel for protection from the elements.

Claim 19 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 1, wherein the water supply comprises:

a trough;

a storage tank containing a water; and

a float valve disposed on the trough and in fluid communication with the storage tank, wherein water disposed in the storage tank flows through the float valve to the trough when the water level in the trough is below the desired level, and further wherein the water does not flow through the float valve when the water level in the trough is at or above the desired level, thereby continuously maintaining the water level in the trough.

Claim 20 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 19, further comprising:

a stand to support the storage tank and keep the tank elevated above the trough.

Claim 21 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 19, wherein the trough further comprises a ramp disposed in the trough, wherein the fowl that fall into the water exit the water by walking up the ramp.

Claim 22 (original): The fowl retention system according to claim 20, wherein the trough assembly is cantilevered off the front end of the stand assembly such that insects cannot climb to the water in the trough.

Claim 23 (canceled).

Claim 24 (canceled).

Claim 25 (currently amended): The fowl feeding device according to claim 1 24, wherein the food product that collects in the dish is available to the fowl for consumption.

Claim 26 (canceled).

Claim 27 (currently amended): The fowl feeding device according to claim 1 24, further comprising a cap coupled to the first end of the product tube to protect the food product from the environment.

Claim 28 (original): The fowl feeding device according to claim 27, wherein the cap is removable, thereby providing the ability to refill the product tube.

Claim 29 (currently amended): The fowl feeding device according to claim 1 24, further comprising a shroud disposed on the product tube and above the dish to prevent water from falling into the dish.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The fowl feeding device according to claim 1 24, further comprising a shield, wherein the shield lines the dispense apertures, thereby preventing small animals from enlarging the dispense apertures and removing excess amounts of the food product.

Claim 31 (original): The fowl feeding device according to claim 1 24, further comprising a landing disposed beneath the dish for use by the fowl in approaching the feeding device.

Claim 32 (original): The fowl feeding device according to claim 1 24, wherein the dish includes drain holes to prevent liquids from accumulating in the dish.

Claim 33 (original): The fowl feeding device according to claim 1 24, further comprising a hanger support used to suspend and stabilize the fowl feeding device within the barrier assembly.

Claim 34 (original): The fowl feeding device according to claim 33, wherein the suspension height of the fowl feeding device is adjustable to accommodate non matured fowl.

Claim 35 (original): The fowl feeding device according to claim 33, wherein the hanger support comprises a hanger that is adjustable.

Claim 36 (original): The fowl feeding device according to claim 33, wherein the hanger support comprises a downturn segment for rotational stability.

Claim 37 (original): The fowl feeding device according to claim 36, wherein the hanger support comprises tube stabilizers to prevent movement of the feeding device along the hanger support.

Claim 38 (original): The fowl feeding device according to claim 33, wherein the suspension of the fowl feeding device prevents insects from accessing the feeding device and any stored product.

Claims 39-46 (canceled).

Claim 47 (new): The fowl feeding device according to claim 1, further comprising a riser block secured to the dish and supporting the dispense cap thereon, thereby raising the dispense cap to a suitable pecking height for fowl.